

West Valley School District No. 208

Regular School Board Meeting Minutes

January 25, 2010

After having been advertised as required by law, the Board of Directors of West Valley School District No. 208 met in regular session on Monday, January 25, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 1245 at West Valley High School, 9800 Zier Road, Yakima WA 98908.

Board of Directors present: Sasha Kinloch, Staci Verbrugge, Mike Carey, Jim Roberts, and Mike Meyer.

Administrative Staff present: Dr. Peter Ansingh, Dr. Peter Finch, Tom Fleming, and Nona Bunger, Recording Secretary.

Call to Order - verification of quorum.

At 7:00 p.m., President Sasha Kinloch called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance - Sasha led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Changes to the Agenda: Addition to VIII. Approval of Consent Agenda

- D. Approval of Employment Contract(s)
 - 4. Jesse Heinle - Volunteer Wrestling Coach (HS)
- E. Approval of Resignation(s)
 - 5. Ron Graham - 5th Grade Teacher (ApV)
 - 6. Sue Graham - Kindergarten Teacher (ApV)
 - 7. Lisa Valentine - Title I Parapro (AhV)

School Board Recognition Month: January is School Board Recognition Month. Dr. Ansingh read the Governor Gregoire's Proclamation of Recognition for School Board Members. He passed out the WSSDA Board of Standards placemats, a Certificate of Appreciation, and a copy of the Governor's proclamation to each Board member. In addition, each Board member's service plaque was updated with their respective years of service.

Program: - Math and Science Updates

Dr. Peter Finch, Assistant Superintendent - Learning and Teaching
Peter updated the Board on the progress the District has made in the areas of math and science and on the curricular work being done in both areas. He passed out a handout for



the WASL percentage of students who met the WASL standard for Grades 5, 8, and 10 from 2006 to 2009 and explained the current scores for the past year. He also passed out materials on our new instructional materials - Math Connects, Connected Math, Holt, and Extreme Science pilot materials. One teacher from every grade level at every elementary school comprises the Elementary Math Committee, which meets the 1st Wednesday of each month to review each lesson in relation to the state standards and to identify common assessments that are aligned with the standards. The following teachers spoke about math content areas in the different schools: Heidi Taylor (ApV) explained the concepts of Math Connects alignment and First Steps in Math training. Chris Bartheld (MS) explained Connected Math training and the activities of the Math 360 grant (Higher Education Coordinating Board grant). He explained the MS has been working with Tom Boyce, an independent consultant, who is helping them align math standards and assessments. He also stated there are videos on the JHS website for Connected Math so students can go online and help them understand and learn what they are learning in class. Jeff Caldwell (JHS) talked about the Holt materials and resources, and having students using online computer training as a source of help. Jamie Nordstrom spoke about math classes at the HS and the options for advanced students. Ben McMurry (JHS) spoke about the Extreme Science pilot materials being used at the ninth grade. He passed out BSCS Science Books for the Board to look at.

Introduction of visitors: Amy Osborn, Dr. Jean Seibert, Pam Berndt, Terry Faletto, Tom Schend, Jacob Munden, Laurie Alderman, Sherry Adams, Jake Hall, Karen Barker, Jenna Stratton, Jim Fannin, Bonnie Osburn, Linda Persson, Cody McDonald, and Jaclyn Griggs.

Amy Osborn, along with Pam Berndt, presented the Board with signatures of support for the WVEA Bargaining Team for mediation on the teachers' contracts for 2009-2011.

Communications: There were no communications received for the Board.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Minutes
 - 1. January 11, 2010 - Regular Meeting
 - 2. January 20, 2010 - Study Session
- B. Approval of Vouchers and Payroll
 - 1. General Fund - Warrants 113528 - 113679
 - 2. Capital Projects Fund - Warrant 2417 - 2429
 - 3. ASB Procurement Cards - Warrants 11370 - 11437
 - 4. Payroll - Warrants 113680 - 113725
- C. Financial Report



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- D. Approval of Employment Contract(s)
 - 1. Lisa Valentine - Title I Parapro (AhV)
 - 2. Magdalena Sanchez - Office Parapro (CW)
 - 3. Nasser Basmeth - Volunteer Soccer Coach (HS)
 - 4. Jesse Heinle - Volunteer Wrestling Coach (HS)
- E. Approval of Resignation(s)
 - 1. Brad Arnesen - School Psychologist (ApV)
 - 2. Lois Wilmoth - 7th Grade Math Teacher (MS)
 - 3. Debbie Hinckley - 5th Grade Teacher (WH)
 - 4. Ron Graham - 5th Grade Teacher (ApV)
 - 5. Sue Graham - Kindergarten Teacher (ApV)
 - 6. Kathleen O'Connor - 3rd Grade Teacher (WH)
 - 7. Lisa Valentine - Title I Parapro (AhV)
- F. Approval of Leave Request(s)
 - 1. Mary DeWitt - 1st Grade Teacher (CW)
 - 2. Julie Leadon - 4th Grade Teacher (CW)
- G. Approval of Travel Request
 - 1. WVHS FFA; Washington State FFA Leadership Convention; Pullman, WA; May 13-16, 2010
 - 2. Sports Therapy Club; WVSMA State Symposium & Academic Competition; Grand Mound, WA; April 22-24, 2010
 - 3. Madison Roberts- Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Seminar; Spokane, WA; June 3-6, 2010

Mike Carey requested that the travel request forms be filled out completely. Mike Meyer made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. MC 5-0.

Action Items:

- A. Call for Bids for Lawn Mower
Staci Verbrugge made a motion to approve the Call for Bids for Lawn Mower. MC 5-0. The Board agreed to Jim Roberts' proposal to pay for the purchase from the Capital Projects Fund.

Discussion Items:

- A. Building Climate Survey
Dr. Ansingh explained the differences in the building climate surveys between the elementaries and secondary schools. The Board members agreed to make



Discussion Items (cont)

minor changes (if needed) and present the changes to Dr. Ansingh, who will present the changes to the Administrators at their next meeting on February 10.

B. **Freshman Campus Update**

Tom Fleming included updated information in the Board packets that were sent out.

Items Arising: Nothing.

High School Student Representative(s) Report: Nicole and Keenan were not present.

Administrative Reports - AhV, WH, MS, HS

Reports from Ahtanum, Wide Hollow and the High School were included in the packets. The Middle School did not submit a report.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Ansingh's report was included in the Board packet. The report outlined the following items: Important Dates, Facility Task Force, WV Education Roundtable, Elementary Attendance Areas, Employee-of-the-Trimester, Leave Request, Travel Request Approval Log Update, and Update on Health and Fitness. Gary Masten, former WVSD principal, is working on the preliminary boundary area changes. He will speak at the February 22 Board meeting regarding new school boundary areas tied to moving the 5th graders into the new 5/6 building when the Freshman Campus opens in the fall. Dr. Ansingh asked the Board members if anyone would like to put together a group to visit the Legislative in Olympia. Everyone declined.

Sasha explained that the Board has contacted two companies that could possibly facilitate the search for a new Superintendent if Peter is offered the superintendent's position at ESD 105.

February is Administrator Appreciation Week. Sasha presented suggestions to the Board for ways to honor the Administrators. The Board agreed with her ideas, and Sasha will honor the Administrators at their meeting on February 10.

Board Reports/Board Development: Mike Carey reported that he talked to Rich Rouleau, who is on the WIAA Executive Board for District 5, and updated him on our 3A/2A situation.

Sasha reported she and Staci Verbrugge had fun while standing on street corners holding



levy signs with the kids. She mentioned that some community members had made some negative comments towards the kids.

Executive Session: At 9:04 pm, the Board moved into Executive Session, expected to last 25 minutes, to discuss the Superintendent's Mid-Year Evaluation. At 9:34 pm., the Board moved out of Executive Session and reconvened into regular session.

Adjournment followed at 9:35 pm.

Dr. Peter Ansingh
Superintendent

Sasha Kinloch
President